



The Rhode Island Department of Education is excited to announce the launch of a new certification system that will replace the current online certification system. This new system – titled – **eCert** will be available on January 3, 2013. **eCert** is a secure, user-friendly system that all educators will access via the statewide systems portal called RIDEMap - <https://ridemap.ride.ri.gov/default.aspx>.

This document outlines the changes and important dates associated with it.

What will happen:	The online system to apply for certification titled <b>eCert</b> will replace the current RICert system
What will change in the new system:	<p>While the new <b>eCert</b> system will be significantly different from the current system, it has been our goal to streamline the process of applying for and renewing certification, and make it more efficient. To that end, we have made 2 major changes to the process of applying for certification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b><u>RIDE will no longer print and mail certificate documents to educators.</u></b> Starting January 3, 2013, certificates will be available to all educators to download from their account in <b>eCert</b>. This also means that educators will no longer need to apply for a duplicate copy of their certificate(s) as they will be able to print their own copy.</li><li>2. <b><u>RIDE will no longer accept payments in the form of personal checks.</u></b> Starting March 1, 2013, payments made using personal checks will not be accepted. We will continue to accept certified (or cashier's) checks as well as money orders for payment. The online application will continue to accept payment by credit/debit cards.</li></ol>
When will it happen:	<p>Access to the RICERT system including the online application will be retired on <b>Wednesday, December 19, 2012</b>. For a brief two-week period, users will be unable to access their personal information in RICert until the new system is launched.</p> <p><b>eCert</b> (new system) launched: <b>Thursday, January 3, 2013</b></p>
Who will it affect:	All certified educators in Rhode Island



<p>What will I have to do:</p>	<p>Educators will access the new system via RIDEMap – the statewide systems portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you already access RIDEMap: Starting January 3, 2013, you will have a new link available to you titled – <b>eCert</b>. This will give you access to the online certification system where you can view the certifications held, manage contact information and print duplicate copies of all certificates, including life certificates.</li><li>• If you do not have a RIDEMap account: Please register for a RIDEMap account by visiting <a href="https://sso.ride.ri.gov/UserRegistration/USERRegister.aspx">https://sso.ride.ri.gov/UserRegistration/USERRegister.aspx</a></li><li>• If you have a RIDEMap account, but do not know your password, please visit <a href="https://sso.ride.ri.gov/UserRegistration/USERPasswordRecovery.aspx">https://sso.ride.ri.gov/UserRegistration/USERPasswordRecovery.aspx</a></li><li>• If you have any questions, or need help creating your account, please visit the help desk website at <a href="https://support.ride.ri.gov/">https://support.ride.ri.gov/</a></li></ul> <p>LEAs will access the eCert District portal via RIDEMap. The eCert District portal will allow LEAs to make requests for emergency permits and certification prioritization, generate reports, and find working teachers. LEA leadership will need to work with their designated RIDEMap/SSO administrator to manage access to the District portal.</p>
<p>Where can I more information about the new system:</p>	<p>Educators can visit the website for Educator Quality and Certification at <a href="http://www.ride.ri.gov/EducatorQuality/Certification/default.aspx">http://www.ride.ri.gov/EducatorQuality/Certification/default.aspx</a> to get more details about the upcoming changes, as well as view video tutorials and help documents about using <b>eCert</b>.</p>